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Dear Lofty:

In the view of the Department of State, a review of the current situation in Albania, looking to a revision and up-dating of NIE-42, is in order.

As you know, there are apparent indications of increasing unrest within Albania. There have been some indications, moreover, of heightened external interest in Albanian developments, at least on the part of Yugoslavia.

Without having prejudged the significance or accuracy of these indications, the Department believes that a new national intelligence estimate should be undertaken to provide the basis for forthcoming policy discussions on the Albanian question.

The scope of such an NIE, the Department believes, should include an assessment of available intelligence on the internal political and economic situation in Albania, looking to an estimate of the survival capabilities of the present pro-Cominform regime in the face of domestic opposition and possible external pressures; an estimate of the degree of present Soviet concern over Albania's fate; and an examination of present Italian, Yugoslav, and Greek activities and aspirations as respects Albania.

The Department believes that this estimate should be given a priority of Urgent.

Sincerely,

Review of this document by CIA has determined that

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State Dept. review completed

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